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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LOT REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTIONS BETWEEN
- - - LARSAW AND NEW YORK

REF: STATE 043929 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PRESENT LATER THIS MONTH, IN WASHINGTON, A NOTE REPLYING TO THE FEBRUARY 3 POLISH EMBASSY NOTE FORMALLY REQUESTING TEN EXTRA SECTIONS FOR LOT IN THIS SUMMER SEASON. UNLESS THERE IS IMPROVEMENT IN THE ZLOTY SALE PROBLEM BEFORE THEN, THE NOTE WILL TURN DOWN THE REQUEST.

2. EMPASSY SHOULD DRAW ON REFTEL TO MAKE A REPRESENTATION AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. YOU MAY STATE FLATLY THAT OUR RESPONSE THIS MONTH WILL BE NEGATIVE UNLESS POLES ARE WILLING TO SHOULDER SOME OF THE ZLOTY SALES OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THEM UNDER THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL AWAIT REPORT OF YOUR REPRESENTATION BEFORE DECIDING HOW AND WHEN TO PRESENT USG NOTE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON MANNER OF PRESENTATION AND ON OUR DRAFT NOTE ITSELF, WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE NOTE OF THE POLISH EMBASSY, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1976 CONCERNING THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTIONS DURING THE 1976 SUMMER SEASON FOR THE POLISH AIRLINES, LOT. (PARA)

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THIS REQUEST IN THE LIGHT OF CONTINUING FULFILLMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3 (B) OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL UNDERSTANDING, THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES IS TO DISAPPROVE THE REQUESTED EXTRA SECTIONS. (PARA).

IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT CONVEY A MORE FAVORABLE ANSWER TO THE POLISH REQUEST. END QUOTE.

IN SEVERAL RECENT CONVERSATIONS, WE HAVE TRIED TO GET THE POINT IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE ACROSS TO AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI AND DCM WIEJACZ. THEY SEEM TO BE UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT CONSIDERATION NOW BEING GIVEN TO POOLING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN AEROFLOT AND PANAM MIGHT BE KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE LOT-PAA IMPASSE. WHETHER THIS IS TRUE OR NOT OVER THE LONG RUN, THE POLES MUST BE BROUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED SOME IMMEDIATE SIGNS OF PROGRESS ON THE ZLOTY SALES QUESTION AND WITHOUT IT THEIR REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTIONS THIS SUMMER WILL BE TURNED DOWN. KISSINGER

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